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Fludyer street, Westmr. May 11th 1770

Gentlemen,

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Your letter relating to the late military maſsacre at Boston, which I had the honour to receive by expreſs, was accompanied with such ample proofs, considered in point of number, matter, candour, propriety & fairneſs of caption, that I flatter myself they will in time prevail, and establish the truth in the minds of all honest men, maugre all the attempts made with art & sollicitude to represent the inhabitants as the aggreſsors. I had some hopes of geting the authentic copies laid before the house of comons for consideration in this seſsion, with the other papers laid before them; but they are vanish'd, and the parliament will rise in a short time.

From what was openly said not long since, I understood the troops wou'd be removed; but the times abound with uncertainty as well as difficulty.

I have the honour to be with great respect, and the sincerest wishes for the welfare of the town,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

humble servant

W Bollan

P.S.
Captn. Gardner staid here, by my direction, til this day, in order to promote the public service by his examination in the

Jas. Bowdoin Esqr. & others a Comttee. of the town of Boston

house of commons, or otherwise, as occasion shou'd require

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